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Langkawi

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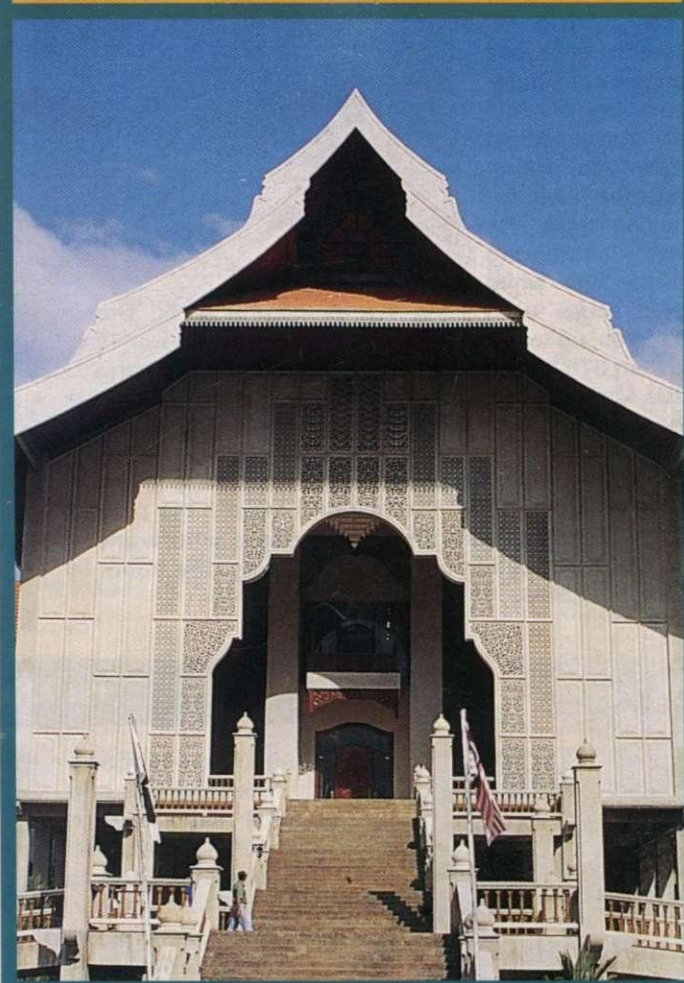
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TERENGGANU



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INTRODUCTION

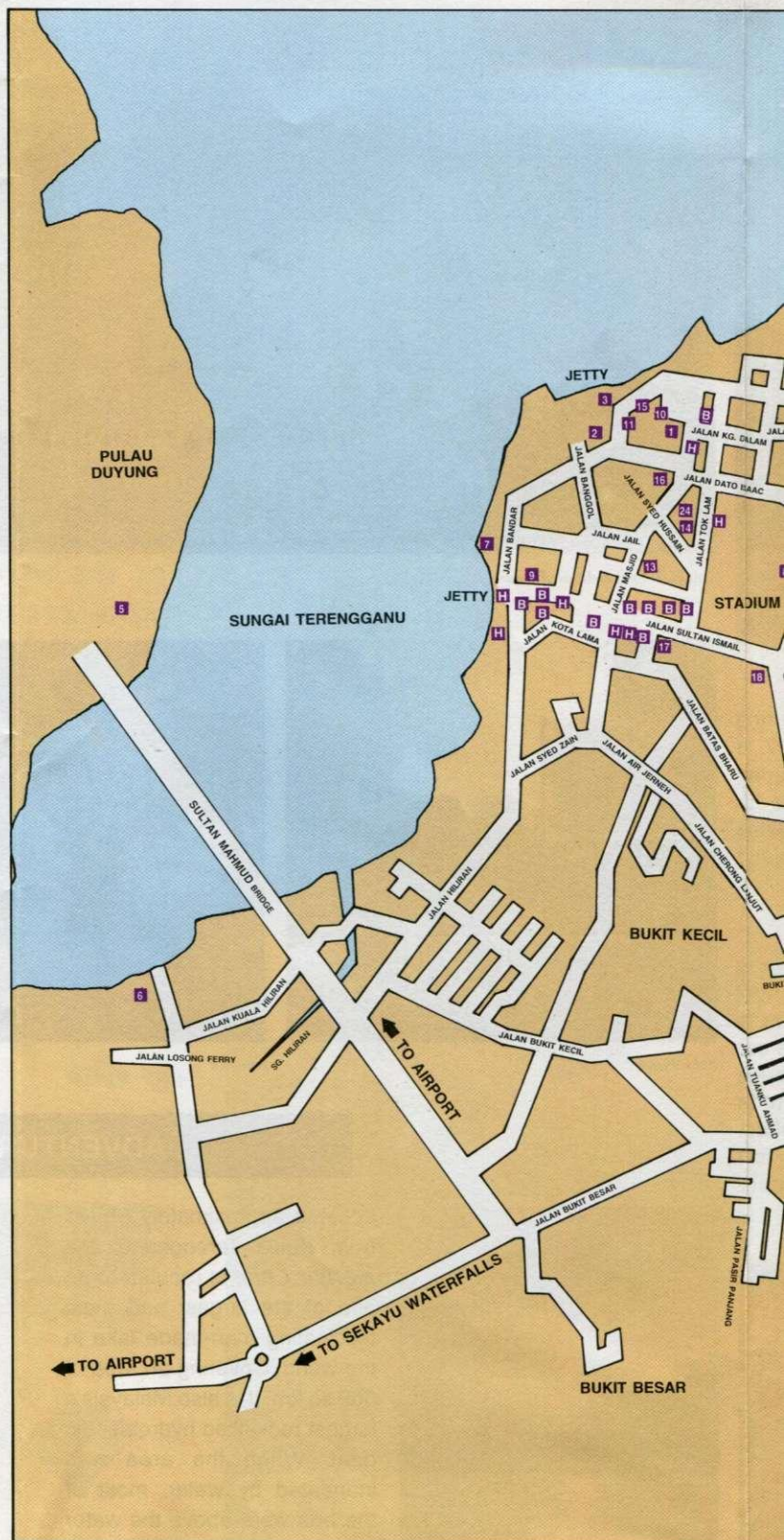
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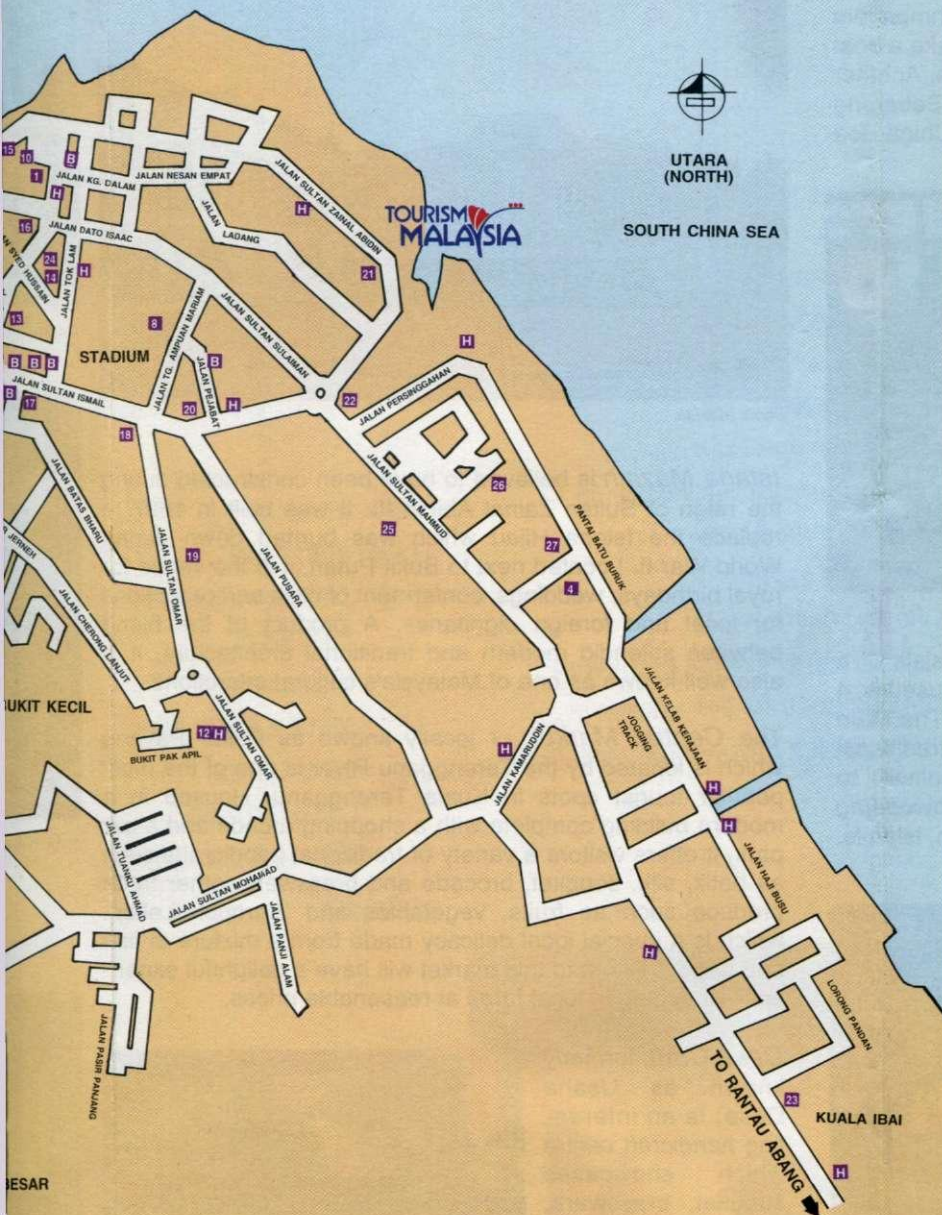
Terengganu is one of the Malaysian states which is endowed with a wealth of charming and refreshing natural landscapes. She has beaches, exotic islands, lush virgin tropical jungle, quaint fishing villages, dazzling waterfalls and many, many more. Her miles and miles of white, sandy beaches and crystal clear water stretches throughout its 225 km coastline, extending from Besut in the north to Kemaman in the south. Her islands are among the most picturesque and fascinating in the country. From its myriad of colourful pastimes which include batik printing and songket weaving to the rapturous celebration of its many generations of cultural and traditional heritage, Terengganu is indeed a very blessed state.

Terengganu's population, which stands at approximately 1 million people, consists of 90% Malays, with the rest being made up of Chinese and Indians. The pace of life in Kuala Terengganu, its state capital, and all the towns and villages in Terengganu is unhurried and unaffected by the hustle and bustle of a big city.

Terengganu's history goes back to as far as the 1st century and has long been an important area of Malay settlement. Throughout the time up to the present day, Terengganu has been ruled by 16 Sultans.



KUALA TERENGGANU



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B Bank

ACCOMMODATION

Various forms of accommodation from A frame huts to house boats to chalets to deluxe establishments are available in major towns, villages and islands in Terengganu. Room rates range from RM30 to RM250. Visitors are advised to check with the hotels for the current rates.

Below is a list of accommodation providing a choice of basic facilities or high standards of quality.

KUALA TERENGGANU

Primula Park Royal

Jalan Persinggahan,
Off Jalan Sultan Mahmud
Tel: 09-6222100/362, 09-6233722
Fax: 09-6233360

Permal Park Inn International

Jalan Sultan Mahmud,
Tel: 09-6222122/6225002
Fax: 09-6222121

Seri Malaysia

Lot 1640, Jalan Hiliran
Tel: 09-6236454
Fax: 09-6238344

Motel Desa

Bukit Pak Apil,
Jalan Air Jernih
Tel: 09-6223033/3488
Fax: 09-6223863

Sri Hoover Hotel

49, Jalan Sultan Ismail
Tel: 09-6233823/6233863
Fax: 09-6225975

K. T. Mutiara Hotel

67, Jalan Sultan Ismail
Tel: 09-6222655/52

Hotel Alamanda

Jalan Tok Lam
Tel: 09-6228888
Fax: 09-6238899

Seaview Hotel

18A, Jalan Masjid Abidin
Tel: 09-6221911
Fax: 09-6223048

Terengganu Hotel

12, Jalan Sultan Ismail
Tel: 09-6222009
Fax: 09-6222906

K. T. Travellers Inn

Jalan Sultan Zainal Abidin
Tel: 09-6223666
Fax: 09-6232692

Sri Indah Resort

898, Jalan Haji Busu,
Pantai Batu Burok
Tel: 09-6221598/09-6221564
Fax: 09-6239933

Batu Burok Chalet

Jalan Pantai Batu Burok
Tel: 09-6221410
Fax: 09-6232904

Sri Terengganu Hotel

120A & B, Jalan Sultan Ismail
Tel: 09-6236622/24

Qurata Riverside

Lot 175-19, Kuala Ibai
Tel: 09-6175500
Fax: 09-6175511

Perpel Lodge

Jalan Kamaruddin
Tel: 09-6239115/6
Fax: 09-6236626

MERANG

The Aryani

Jalan Rhu-Tapai, Merang
Tel: 09-6241111
Fax: 09-6248007

Sutra Beach Resort

Kampung Rhu Tapai
Merang
21010 Setiu
Terengganu
Tel: 09-6231111/6696200
Fax: 09-6696410

Merang Beach Resort

Pantai Peranganin Merang
Tel: 09-6239018
Fax: 09-6233718

MARANG

Buai Beach Resort

Seberang Marang,
21600 Marang
Terengganu
Tel: 09-6183888/6183999
Fax: 09-6183388

Marang Resort & Safaris

Lot 1, Jalan Dungun,
Kg. Pulau Kerengga
Tel: 09-6182588
Fax: 09-6182334

Seri Malaysia Marang

Lot 3964, Kg. Paya
Tel: 09-6182889
Fax: 09-6182889

Semarak Marang Beach Cottage

Km 22, Pantai Kelulut
Jalan Kuala Terengganu/Dungun
Tel: 09-6182288

Anggulia Beach House

Km 20, Kg. Rhu Muda,
Seberang Marang
Tel: 09-6181322

Island View Resort

Kg. Paya Marang,
Tel: 09-6182006

Marang Riverview

Bandar Marang
Tel: 09-6182928

Bell Kiss Beach Resort

Lot 212, Jalan Pantai
Tel: 09-6181579

Rhu Muda Motel

Seberang Marang
Tel: 09-6182328
09-6181934

Kamal Guest House

B283, Kampung Paya,
Bandar Marang
Tel: 09-6182181

DUNGUN

Kemayan Resort Villa

Dungun
Tel: 09-8272020
Fax: 09-8272759

Merantau Inn

Kg. Kuala Abang
Tel: 09-8441131

Sri Molek Inn

210, Jalan Besar
Tel: 09-8441700/2/3

Dahimas Guest House

Rantau Abang
Tel: 09-8452843
Fax: 010-9835057

Sura Hotel

263E & F, Tingkat 1,
Jalan Baru Pak Sabah
Tel: 09-8441716/7

Sri Dungun Hotel

K-135, Jalan Tambun
Tel: 09-8441881/2

KEMAMAN

Residence Resort, Paka

P.O. Box No 8
Pejabat Pos Paka
Tel: 09-8273366
Fax: 09-8273388

Perpel Lodge

Bandar Baru Kerteh
Tel: 09-8261155/61
Fax: 09-8261890

Tiara Hotel

K-353-355 Jalan Kg. Tengah
Tel: 09-8591802
Fax: 09-8592236

Muni Hotel

K-312, Jalan Che Tong
Tel: 09-8682366/86

Awana Kijal Beach & Golf Resort

24100 Kijal, Kemaman
Tel: 09-8641188
Fax: 09-8641688

BESUT

Primula Besut Beach Resort

Pantai Peranganin Air Tawar
Tel: 09-6956311/320
Fax: 09-6956322

Hoover Hotel

166G, Jalan Tuan Hitam
Tel: 09-6971563

Taman Azimos Chalet

489, Pantai Peranganin Air Tawar
Tel: 09-6956320/6530
010-9834703

Bidong View Beach Resort

Lot 1906, Kg. Mengabang Lekor,
Batu Rakit
Tel: 09-6696711
018-8960253

Rhu Sepuluh Guest House

Kem Bari, D/A Majlis Daerah Setiu
Tel: 09-6699367/6699377

HULU TERENGGANU

Sekayu Rest House

Taman Pelancongan
Tel: 09-6811259

Primula Kenyir Lake Resort

Pulau Roh, Kenyir Lake
Tel: 010-9836105

Tasik Kenyir Golf Resort

Kuala Berang
Tel: 09-6668888
Fax: 09-6668899

Kenyir Lake Resort

Kenyir Lake, Kuala Berang
Tel: 09-5146002, 010-950609

Kenyir Wood

36E, 1st Floor, Jalan Dato' Isaac
Tel: 09-6238188
Fax: 09-6230225

Remi's Rakit

Sungai Petuang, Kenyir Lake
D/A 125D, Jalan Besar
Tel/Fax: 09-6812125, 010-9836125

PULAU PERHENTIAN

Perhentian Island Resort
Pulau Perhentian Besar
Tel: 09-6910946/6977562
Fax: 09-6977562/6910946

Coral View Island Resort

Pulau Perhentian Besar
Tel: 09-6956943/010-9643943

Flora Bay Chalet

Pulau Perhentian Besar
Tel: 09-6977266

Cozy Chalet

Pulau Perhentian Besar
Tel: 010-3309717

D'Lagoon

Pulau Perhentian Kecil
Tel: 09-6910105

Rosli Chalet

Pulau Perhentian Kecil
Tel: 09-6910155

Rajawali Chalet

Pulau Perhentian Kecil
Tel: 010-9805244

Petani Beach Resort

Pulau Perhentian Kecil
Tel: 010-8812444

PULAU REDANG**Berjaya Redang Beach Resort**

Pulau Redang

Tel: 09-6973988

Fax: 09-6973899

Berjaya Redang Golf & Spa Resort

Tel: 09-6971111 Toll free: 8008818

Fax: 09-6971100

Coral Redang Resort134C, Ground Floor,
Jalan Sultan Zainal Abidin,
20000 Kuala Terengganu

Tel: 09-6236200

Fax: 09-6236300

Redang LagoonLot 6629, Kg. Cacar Baru
23100 Paka, Terengganu

Tel: 010-9641238

Fax: 09-8272116

Redang Bay ResortD/A 139, Jalan Bandar,
Kuala Terengganu
Tel: 09-6236048/6242048
Fax: 09-6228190**Redang Beach Resort**D/A 147, Jalan Bandar,
Kuala Terengganu
Tel: 09-6238188
Fax: 09-6230225**Redang Pelangi Resort**27, Jalan Bandar
Kuala Terengganu
Tel: 09-6223158
Fax: 09-6235202**Marine Park Chalet**

Tel: 09-6225731, 010-9843625

PULAU KAPAS**Primula Kapas Island Village Resort**

Tel: 09-6236110, 010-9849931

Makcik Gemok Beach Resort

Tel: 09-6181221

Kapas Garden Resort

Tel: 010-9841686

Ayah Resort

Tel: 09-6245088/09-6181358

Sri Kapas Lodge

Tel: 09-6181529

Tuty Puri Island Resort

Tel: 010-2234917/09-6246090

PULAU KAPAS (GEMIA)**Gem Isles**Pulau Gemia, Marang
Tel: 09-6236200/6245110**PULAU TENGGOL****Tenggol Aqua Resort**8, Jln. Sg. Penaga, Dungun
Tel: 09-8444862
018-8320560

Fax: 09-8444862

TRANSPORTATION

Visitors will find most places in Terengganu easily accessible. There is a host of transportation modes that one can choose from, when travelling to and within Terengganu, i.e. by air, road, buses and coaches, taxi.

MAS operates daily direct services from Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Terengganu as well as connecting services from other major cities and towns. For inquiries on flight reservations and confirmation, visitors are requested to call MAS at Tel : 09-6221415, 09-6222266, 09-6664204.

BY AIR

The Sultan Mahmud Airport is only 18 kilometres from Kuala Terengganu. Contact the Airport Information Counter at 09-6664204 for further information.

BY BUS & TAXI**TAXI**

Town to Airport	RM15.00
Kuala Terengganu to Sekayu	RM20.00
Kuala Terengganu to Besut	RM40.00
City Round Trip	RM5.00

BUS & TAXI WITHIN TERENGGANU

Kuala Terengganu	Bus	Taxi (per taxi)
TO/FROM :		
Marang	RM1.00	RM10.00
Rantau Abang	RM3.00	RM24.00
Dungun/Tanjung Jara	RM4.00	RM24.00
Jertih	RM5.50	RM32.00
Besut	RM5.50	RM40.00
Hulu Terengganu	RM2.00	RM12.00
Losong	RM0.40	RM5.00
Tasik Bukit Besi	RM3.50	RM40.00
Bukit Keluang	-	RM48.00
Kerteh	RM4.80	RM40.00

BUS & TAXI

From Kuala Terengganu	Bus	Taxi (per taxi)
TO:		
Kuala Lumpur	RM21.70	RM180.00
Ipoh	RM26.00	RM180.00
Penang	RM23.50	RM200.00
Kota Bharu	RM7.40	RM60.00
Johor Bharu	RM22.10	RM200.00

All express buses operate in and out of Kuala Terengganu from the Central Bus Station at Jln. Syed Hussain

FOOD

Terengganu cuisine is distinctively memorable for its fresh ingredients, inimitable spices, and unique flavours!

There are many good restaurants in Kuala Terengganu serving Malay, Chinese and Indian dishes. Western cuisine can be found at larger hotels and restaurants in many towns.

Nasi Dagang is glutinous rice, white or pinkish, cooked in coconut milk and served with fish curry, cucumber, pickle and coconut sambal. More recent accompanying items include chicken and seafood cooked in curry.



Nasi Dagang

PLACES OF INTEREST

IN AND AROUND KUALA TERENGGANU

Visitors to the *Waterfront* of Kuala Terengganu will be in awe of and fascinated by the hustle and bustle of activities taking place there. Stroll down the waterfront and watch fishmongers haggling for the price of fish and other seafood, or take a boat ride to one of the many beautiful surrounding islands. Another appealing alternative is to take a passenger boat to Seberang Takir, where the most incredible view of the South China Sea can be seen.



Seberang Takir

The *Terengganu State Museum Complex* consists of a Main Museum, a Maritime Museum, a Fisheries Museum, 4 traditional houses and botanic and herbs gardens. The Main Museum is built on 16 stilts, in accordance with the traditional architecture of Terengganu. Its 4 blocks are adjoined, to represent a big family. There are 10 galleries showcasing textiles, crafts, historical, royal, nature, art, petroleum, Islamic, new generation and contemporary arts.



Terengganu State Museum

Approximately 6 km south of Kuala Terengganu is *Sutera Semai Centre* at Chendering. It is Malaysia's pioneer silk weaving centre, where visitors can witness different stages of silk manufacturing. There, witness the painting of batik designs onto the fabrics, resulting in beautiful batik shirts, kaftans, scarves, handkerchiefs, etc.

Batik painting is an exquisite and delicate art which requires skill, patience and meticulousness. In batik painting, brightly coloured floral motifs are painted in stages onto dyed cloths. Songket, a piece of dyed silk material weaved with gold and silver threads, is the clothing for royalties, and Malay brides and grooms at their weddings. It is also often worn during special ceremonies and occasions such as on Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (The celebration which marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month). There are many *Batik and Songket Centres* in and around Kuala Terengganu which produce and sell batik and songket.



Istana Maziah

Istana Maziah is believed to have been constructed during the reign of Sultan Zainal Abidin III. It was built in 1897 to replace the Istana Hijau which was burned down during World War II. Located next to Bukit Puteri, it is the venue for royal birthdays, weddings, conferment of titles and receptions for local and foreign dignitaries. A product of the blend between splendid modern and traditional architecture, it is also well-known as one of Malaysia's cultural attractions.

The *Central Market*, or locally known as Pasar Payang, which is located by the Terengganu River is one of the most popular tourist spots in Kuala Terengganu. Housed in a modern building complete with a shopping arcade and a car park, it offers visitors a variety of traditional handicrafts such as batik, silk, songket, brocade and brassware, other fresh produce such as fruits, vegetables and 'Keropok Lekor', which is a special local delicacy made from a mixture of fish and sago. Visitors to this market will have a delightful experience shopping in local fares at reasonable prices.

Desa Craft, formerly known as Usaha Desa, is an interesting handicraft centre which showcases songket, brassware, batik, souvenir items and also fashion wear of current batik designs. This centre was developed by the Terengganu State Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) as part of its effort to promote Kuala Terengganu as a popular tourist destination.



Central Market

Pulau Duyung is the most well-known boat building ground in Terengganu. There, you can see boats being made by skilled boat builders who implement skills which have been passed down from generation to generation. Boat building is an art form therefore the boat builders

take pride in their skill. The boat builders are unique, for they work entirely from their own

new generation and contemporary arts.

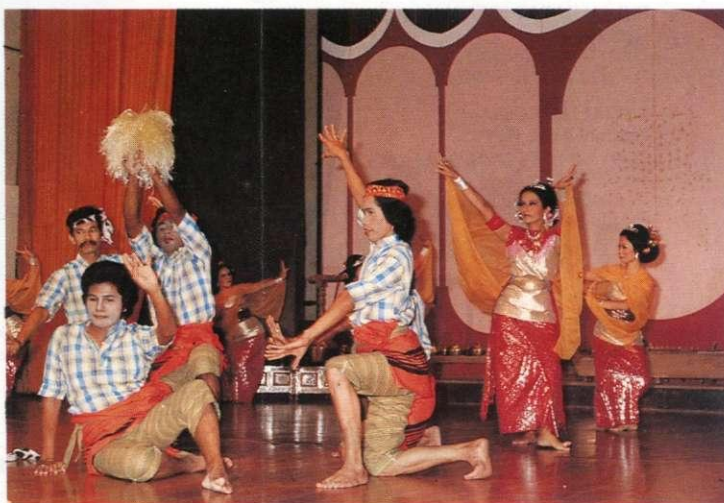


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A visit to *Pengkalan Budaya* or the Cultural Centre, a venue for cultural performances, is a must on the itinerary for all visitors to Kuala Terengganu. Ideally located along Pantai Batu Buruk (Batu Buruk Beach), it offers visitors an opportunity to see for themselves, the performance of Silat which is the Malay art of self defence, traditional dances such as Ulek Mayang and Joget and a wide selection of games and pastime. The performances are held every Friday and Saturday, between 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. So, do not miss the opportunity to witness the fascinating diversity of Terengganu's culture.



Ulek Mayang



Bukit Puteri

standing on top of Bukit Puteri can witness the magnificent view of the areas surrounding it.

Bukit Puteri is a 200 m high historical hill, situated next to Istana Maziah. It was used as a fortress between the years of 1831 to 1876 to defend the state from enemy attacks. Some of the historical remains which can be seen on Bukit Puteri are cannons, a flagpole, a large bell and a fort. Today, as it is the highest point in Kuala Terengganu, visitors

park, it offers visitors a variety of traditional handicrafts such as batik, silk, songket, brocade and brassware, other fresh produce such as fruits, vegetables and 'Keropok Lekor', which is a special local delicacy made from a mixture of fish and sago. Visitors to this market will have a delightful experience shopping in local fares at reasonable prices.

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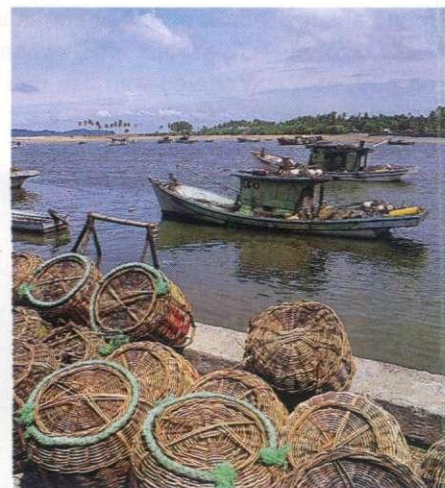
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take pride in their skill. The boat builders are unique, for they work entirely from their memory and experience, and without any set plans. Pulau Duyung is also renowned for its dried and salted fish, and fish crackers industries. It is easily accessible by the Sultan Mahmud Bridge, or for those who enjoy using sea transportation, take a boat from the Kuala Terengganu waterfront.

Chendering, located approximately 6 km from Kuala Terengganu, is the

site of the *Malaysian Handicraft Centre*. The Centre offers visitors a wide variety of Malaysian handicraft and also an insight into handicraft making. Some of the exquisite items which can be found here are songket, batik, vases, and mats, hats, wallets and bags made from pandanus leaves. Visitors will also get a chance to witness first hand the skills of local artisans in songket weaving, batik painting, basket weaving, etc.



Marang



The *Masjid Tengku Tengah Zaharah*, located outside Kuala Terengganu is just 4.5km away. This is no ordinary mosque but one that is unique and said to be the only one of its kind in Malaysia. Combining modern and traditional architectural designs, the mosque creates an illusion of itself as floating on water.

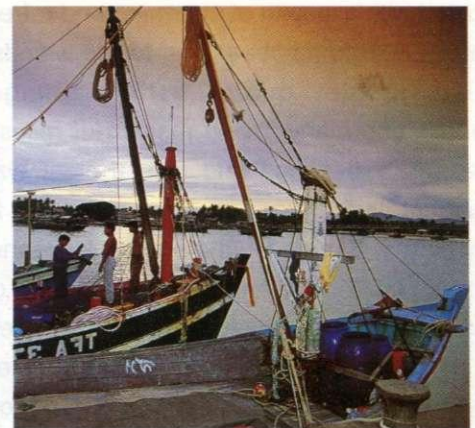
Tengku Tengah Zaharah Mosque



Bukit Penyu



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Kuala Besut

ADVENTURE SPOTS



Kenyir Lake

Located approximately 55 km from Kuala Terengganu, the *Kenyir Lake* is reputed to be one of the largest and most fascinating man-made lake in the world. Covering an area of 369 sq km, it is also Malaysia's largest rock-filled hydroelectric dam. When the area was inundated by water, most of the hills were above the water level, thus creating about 340 man-made islands. Surrounded by a lush tropical jungle, the Kenyir Lake is a popular and ideal retreat for nature lovers, anglers, photo enthusiasts and fun seekers. Some of the activities which could be

carried out here are fishing, swimming, canoeing, boating and jungle trekking. Due to the cleanliness of the lake and abundance of food supply, the Kenyir Lake has a wide variety of fresh water fish such as Baung, Toman, Kelisa and Lampam. Accommodation such as houseboats, floating chalets and lakeside resorts are also available to visitors.

A highly exciting destination for nature lovers and the adventurous, *Pasir Raja* is blessed with clean, fresh air, countless wildlife, magnificent flora and fauna, numerous winding

Another area which offers similar nature activities for a healthy mind and body is the *Lata Tembakah Waterfalls*. It is located in the Pelagat Forest Reserve in Besut. The sprawling 300 sq hectares is blessed with a beautiful seven-tiered cascading waterfall with its highest point reaching 50 metres. The park is a haven for those who are health conscious and love adventure retreats such as swimming, camping, jungle-trekking and nature walks. The park provides basic amenities such as changing rooms and rest areas.



Lata Meraung Waterfalls

Seven kilometres from Bandar Permaisuri is the popular *Setiu*

ADVENTURE SPOTS



Kenyir Lake

Located approximately 55 km from Kuala Terengganu, the **Kenyir Lake** is reputed to be one of the largest and most fascinating man-made lake in the world. Covering an area of 369 sq km, it is also Malaysia's largest rock-filled hydroelectric dam. When the area was inundated by water, most of the hills were above the water level, thus creating about 340 man-made islands. Surrounded by a lush tropical jungle, the Kenyir Lake is a popular and ideal retreat for nature lovers, anglers, photo enthusiasts and fun seekers. Some of the activities which could be

carried out here are fishing, swimming, canoeing, boating and jungle trekking. Due to the cleanliness of the lake and abundance of food supply, the Kenyir Lake has a wide variety of fresh water fish such as Baung, Toman, Kelisa and Lampam. Accommodation such as houseboats, floating chalets and lakeside resorts are also available to visitors.

A highly exciting destination for nature lovers and the adventurous, **Pasir Raja** is blessed with clean, fresh air, countless wildlife, magnificent flora and fauna, numerous winding streams, rapids and a waterfall. It is a perfect setting for jungle trekking, swimming and relaxing.

The sight of water gushing and falling from a high altitude and the sound of rushing water is a very pleasurable experience. A favourite retreat for visitors and locals alike, the **Sekayu Waterfalls** with its seven cascades are surrounded by its natural landscape of lush jungle-clad hills, a fruit orchard, a mini zoo, a bird park, a flower garden and countless species of flora and fauna. Various facilities such as shelters, changing rooms, chalets and a resthouse have also been provided for the visitors' convenience. Located within the Sekayu Recreational Forest in Kuala Berang, it is only a 56 km drive from Kuala Terengganu, and about 45 minutes drive through unspoiled country scenery. There is a minimal charge of RM1.00 for each entry into the recreational forest.

There are two waterfalls collectively called the **Sungai Ceralak Waterfalls**. The first, known as Jeram Solo, is about 12 m high with a pool of about 250 sq m in area while the second, at 24 m with a 190 sq m pool, is called Jeram Padang. The area has some attractive trees and plants including various species of pretty wild flowers. The surrounding hills also provide a scenic backdrop for photographers.

Getting to the site is an adventure in itself, involving a boat ride from Kuala Jengai to Kuala Sungai Ceralak, a jungle hike and river crossing across the Sungai Ceralak itself. The other alternative route involves logging trails and jungle tracks.



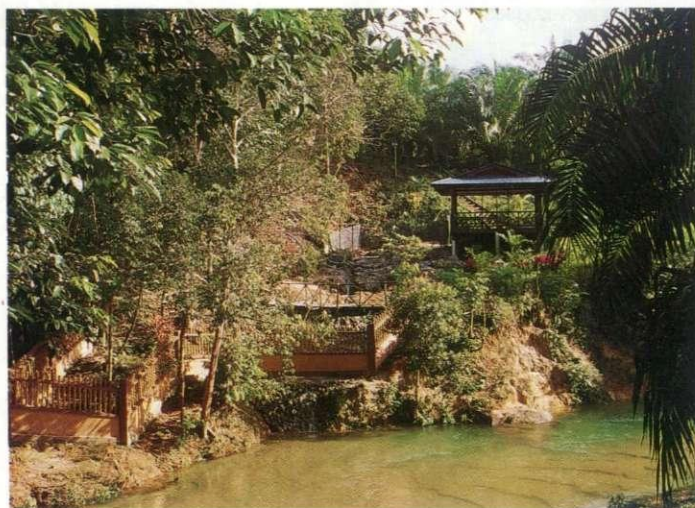
Sekayu Waterfalls

Another area which offers similar nature activities for a healthy mind and body is the **Lata Tembakah Waterfalls**. It is located in the Pelagat Forest Reserve in Besut. The sprawling 300 sq hectares is blessed with a beautiful seven-tiered cascading waterfall with its highest point reaching 50 metres. The park is a haven for those who are health conscious and love adventure retreats such as swimming, camping, jungle-trekking and nature walks. The park provides basic amenities such as changing rooms and rest areas.



Lata Meraung Waterfalls

Seven kilometres from Bandar Permaisuri is the popular **Setiu Recreation Park** which has been conceived with the noble agro-tourism concept in mind. This is the state government's efforts to preserve the environment and at the same time offer healthy recreational activities while providing camping facilities and basic amenities for visitors. The park is a natural laboratory for the study of nature with the names of trees and plants labeled accordingly. It promotes the importance of care and concern for the environment and enhances civic consciousness among the state's populace and visitors.



LA Hot Springs

There is a hot spring in Besut which is known as the **LA Hot Springs** with its water temperature ranging from 45 - 49 degrees Celcius. The water contains natural sulphur which is said to have healing properties. Visitors flock to this spring especially so, when afflicted with skin ailments.

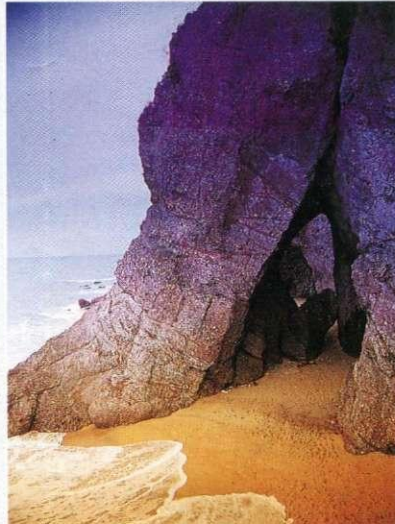
BEACHES

Another place that should be on every visitor's itinerary is *Rantau Abang*, 60 km south of Kuala Terengganu. There, visitors lay in wait quietly from midnight to dawn to watch giant leatherback turtles laying eggs. The turtles lumbering slowly on the white sandy beaches to lay eggs is a memorable sight. These giant turtles, up to 2.5 m in length and sometimes weighing more than 375 kg is indeed a phenomenal sight to behold. *Rantau Abang* is one of only six places in the world visited by these turtles, from the months of May to September.



Rantau Abang

Gently sloping sands and fairly shallow, sparkling water give *Penarik* the ideal ambience and make it the perfect setting for sunbathers and fun seekers who want a quiet, serene vacation spot to while away the hours in uninterrupted bliss.



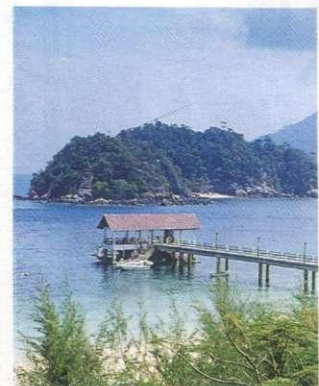
Bukit Keluang

Approximately 140 km north of Kuala Terengganu and a few kilometres from Besut, lies *Bukit Keluang*. The view in this area is one of the most breathtaking and magnificent in Malaysia. It is also an ideal site for swimming, snorkelling and wind surfing. Its distinctive features are caves which are easily reached by walkways.

Try to conjure up an image of a very peaceful village with beautiful wooden houses, innocent

looking children playing games such as hopscotch or marbles, cows grazing in the field, swaying coconut trees, fresh cool breeze and a spectacular curve of white, sandy beach. This description describes *Merang* to a tee.

ISLANDS



Pulau Redang

Located 50 km off the coast of Kuala Terengganu is one of the most beautiful and exotic islands in Malaysia. Far from the hustle and bustle of a big town or city, *Pulau Redang* offers crystal clear water, pearly white shores, a colourful array of spectacular marine life, a breathtaking sunset and what could be the world's most mature coral gardens. This paradise-like island is perfect for swimming, snorkelling, scuba diving, jungle trekking, fishing, boating and canoeing. It takes about 2 hours by boat from the village of Merang. However, visitors have to abide by the Fisheries Act 1985 as *Pulau Redang* is one of the few marine parks in Malaysia. No fishing is allowed within a 3.2 km radius of the island, and the collection of coral and aquatic life is prohibited.



Treasures of the sea

Pulau Perhentian, situated 21 km off the coast of Terengganu, consists of two islands: *Pulau Perhentian Besar* and *Pulau Perhentian Kecil*. A trip to this lush and exotic tropical island is a must for all nature lovers and those who enjoy scuba diving, snorkelling, deep sea fishing, swimming, wind surfing, sailing, boating and canoeing. Surrounded by a virgin jungle, swaying palm trees, white sandy beaches, warm sapphire blue waters, and a colourful coral garden, *Pulau Perhentian* is renowned as one of Malaysia's marine paradise and part of the national marine park. Therefore, the same code applies here, as in *Pulau Redang*. The journey to this spectacular island takes about one and a half hours by boat from Kuala Besut.



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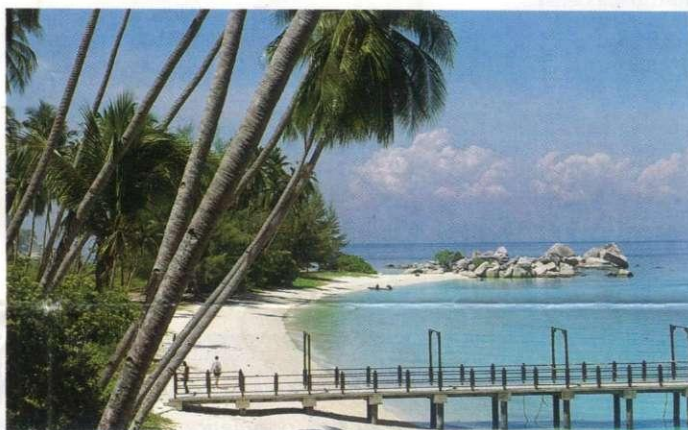
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FISHING VILLAGES



Marang sunset

A very picturesque fishing village, **Marang** welcomes her visitors with tall swaying coconut trees, cool fresh air, an incredibly beautiful lagoon and a fleet of fishing trawlers. Any visitor to Marang will be easily captivated by its natural beauty and simplistic ambience.

Besides being considered as the centre for handicraft and traditional textiles in Terengganu, **Chendering** is also the site for a national deep sea fishing project. Located 6 km south of Kuala Terengganu, Chendering has a long jetty which makes it an excellent site for fishing.



Fishermen returning from the sea

Kijal is a small, quiet and quaint fishing village located north of the Kemaman town. For those who want some peace and solitude, head out for Kijal where you can just laze around while watching fishing fleets returning with the day's catch, fishermen mending their nets or attending to their boats, or just let the cool and invigorating air caress you to a state of tranquility.

ECONOMY

The main economic activity of the population is fishing. Offshore oil installations in the South China Sea off Terengganu have helped strengthen the state's economy. Kuala Terengganu has transformed from a place "slipped past by time" into a rapidly expanding modern city, while farther down the coast, huge new oil refineries and depots have been springing up.



PEOPLE

Apart from nature, the charm of Terengganu lies in its people. They are as beautiful as their state; courteous and helpful. The people of Terengganu welcome with open arms those who wish to share the beauty of the state. They lead a moderate and graceful lifestyle in picturesque villages where religion, tradition and culture are still dominant in their daily activities. Terengganu people are gifted. They are artistically inclined and able to create traditional works of arts including the highly-skilled craft of boat-building.

SHOPPING

Terengganu is a paradise for bargain hunters and souvenir collectors. There is ample opportunity to buy batik cloth, songket, traditional woodcarvings, local handicrafts, woven hats and baskets, clothing, intricate filigree silverware, gleaming brassware and decorative wallpieces as well as a staggering variety of dried and fresh food. Another special feature for shoppers are the fascinating bustling weekend markets found in practically every town.

HANDICRAFT

BATIK

Batik is divided into two types : block or canting (pronounced 'chanting'). In the block method tin strips, copper or brass are fashioned into design forms and attached to hand blocks. Designs of wax are imprinted on fabric using the blocks. Design colours may then be painted within the wax borders and then again covered with wax. Immersion in dye baths produce background colours while boiling the fabric as an end process removes all wax residues.

In the canting method, the 'canting' wax cup is used for freehand drawing of designs. The lines are therefore finer and more flowing, lending its aesthetics. Painting in design colours, sealing with wax and immersion follows the block process. But the end product is quite different. Soft, gentle and personalized, it is very pleasing to the eye.

SONGKET

Kain songket is the brocade of traditional Malay design. It is the clothing of royalty, of ceremony, of occasions where deep social significance is felt. Gold and silver threads, woven into virgin or dyed silk, emanate cheerful glitter or impart sombre dignity, depending upon the choice of songket and the occasion.

BASKETRY

Strong and pliable, rattan from the forests were once gathered for a variety of items ranging from baskets and fishing traps, to ropes and anchor cables. Bamboo, pliant but brittle and less durable, could be fashioned into fine baskets or used in the rough as picketing stakes.

WOOD

Given a creative mind, skillful fingers and a piece of wood, an art form soon emerges. In the leisurely days of old, even kitchen implements were adorned with carved motifs.

BRASS

From incense burners, to deep pans, to presentation trays, the brassmaker learned his trade from his father and the fathers before him. Now there are newer items to cast, new patterns and finishes too. And the skills he carries forth with him will be the heritage of generations to come.

MAT WEAVING

Pandan, the dagger-like leaf, and its courser cousin the mengkuang, are standard materials for mats. Once mats were woven into huge triangular sails and the inhabitants of the Peninsula roamed the seas far and wide. Pandan mats are distinguished from mengkuang through its smaller strips and finer weave.